

# A View From The Bridge

April 2024



## BNoC Annual Spring Meeting

**Thursday, April 18**

**New Song Fellowship**

865 Woodstock Road, Virginia Beach

Dinner: 6pm, with paid reservation; Cost: \$8 per person  
(Choose one dinner choice: grilled chicken or BBQ-pork)  
Worship Gathering: 7pm

**Pastors/Messengers/Guests/Visitors, please RSVP by Thursday, April 12th** so a packet, name badge, and meal (with paid reservation) may be prepared for you.

Our Guest Speaker will be Wes Taylor. "Wes has pastored Temple Baptist Church in Newport News for ten years, where his passion for teaching and preaching God's Word has led to many lives being changed through the power of the gospel. He is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife (Juliann) have been married for almost thirty years and have three daughters. And, he loves to eat French fries."



This meeting will be an awesome time together of Worship and Inspiration!

**You don't want to miss it! Sign up early!**



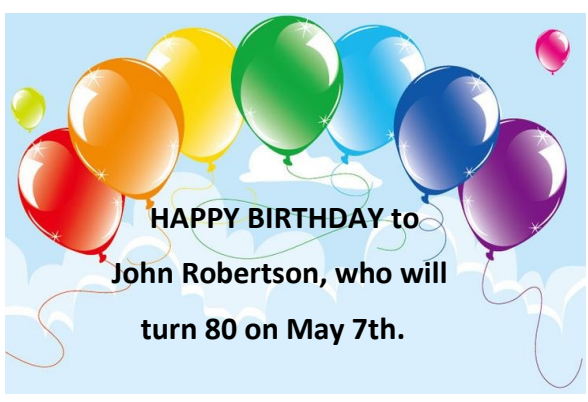
Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:6



**April Staff and Spouse Birthdays**

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| 1  | Rex Gilley          | Carrow       |
| 3  | Sarah Hobbs         | New Song     |
| 3  | Alice Denny         | Drummontown  |
| 5  | Lynn Hardaway       | BNoC         |
| 6  | Maureen Hardaway    | Blackwater   |
| 9  | Morgan Hart         | Greenbrier   |
| 9  | Nichole Hensley     | BNoC         |
| 11 | Amanda French       | Zion         |
| 13 | Christine Fail      | Broadway     |
| 14 | Robin Williams      | Crosslife    |
| 16 | Linda Ligon         | Burrows      |
| 18 | Mike Pumphrey       | Azalea       |
| 23 | John Houston        | Point Harbor |
| 25 | Phyllis Wroton      | BNoC         |
| 29 | Terrance Livingston | Shadowlawn   |



**DNow**  
Save the Date:  
November 15 - 16

DNow weekend is a weekend for Student Ministries across Virginia to come together for Deep Teaching, Inspirational Worship, and Epic Games! This year, we will emphasize our God-given command to serve others. The weekend will include a time for us to live that command out and serve Coastal Virginia!



**ANNUAL MISSION PROJECT**

**DEADLINE: APRIL 18**



We will be collecting items for the Crisis Pregnancy Centers on both sides of the Bay. The **Centers on the Southside** would like **NEW** infant car seats. **Due to State laws they can only distribute brand new car seats.** Please purchase one in neutral colors so it may be used for either baby boys or girls. If you prefer, you may send a donation to the BNoC office and we will have shoppers purchase the seats.

The **Centers on the Eastern Shore** need baby shampoo, baby wash, baby oil, baby lotion, diaper ointment, wipes, pacifiers, bottles, hooded towels, wash cloths, crib & bassinet sheets, baby socks, burp cloths, receiving blankets, fleece blankets, sleepers of all sizes, onesies of all sizes, and bibs. If you prefer, you may send a donation to the BNoC office and we will have shoppers purchase the items. The drop-off site is Exmore Baptist Church. The deadline for the collection is April 18th.



**2024/2025 SCHOLARSHIP**

The 2024/2025 educational scholarship application is now available on our website under the Resource tab: <https://www.thebridgenet.org/scholarship>. Student must be a member of a Network church. **The deadline is April 10 at 3pm.**

**Pastors' Upcoming Events**

**Pastors' Prayer Breakfast:** second Tuesday of each month, next one is April 9, 7am at Indian River Baptist Church.

**Dr. Mark Croston meetings on the Eastern Shore:** On Friday, May 17 at Exmore Baptist Church there will be a Pastor and wife's dinner. The cost is \$15/ couple. RSVP to Exmore Baptist Church, 757-442-9491. On Sunday, May 19, Dr. Croston will be speaking at Exmore Baptist Church, 9am and Red Bank Baptist Church at 11am. That evening at 6:30pm he will speak at Exmore Baptist Church for the Night of Unity.

## ADJUSTING MEANS EXEGETING

By Lynn Hardaway

Leading in this generation means exegeting the culture around us. In "[Know Your Culture: 6 Keys to Good Cultural Exegesis - IMB](#)," Caleb Crider shares an amusing reaction to the cultural nuances he experienced in his initiation into the nation he had been called to reach with the gospel. Social kisses, two hours of rest in the middle of the workday, angry conversations in public followed by smiles and kisses left him confused and frustrated. His confusion began to diminish as he took time to study the people he was trying to reach.



Does it feel to you like our national culture in the United States has changed so dramatically in the past decade that we are now living in a country whose values and beliefs are vastly different than our own? We may not like the changes, but we have a responsibility to do the intense work of a missionary to be able to communicate the gospel effectively to those who are immersed in the new culture.

Crider gives six tips to gain cultural insight through observation:

- 1. Pray, then watch.** We must ask God for spiritual wisdom to reach the people around us.
- 2. Go in community.** Be with people, around people, and take someone with you.
- 3. Observe humbly.** Try to avoid assumptions and take note of what you see.
- 4. Ask questions.** Ask them what they believe and why.
- 5. Take notes.** This will help you see connections, opportunities and challenges around you.
- 6. Join wisely.** Adapt to the culture around you without sinning or compromising Scriptural values.



Be patient with people who are not familiar with churches or Christianity; for them, hearing the gospel is like hearing a foreign language – they need us to help them understand.



## FRESH GROUNDED FAITH CONFERENCE

GREAT BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

640 S. Battlefield Blvd. Chesapeake

April 26-7pm and April 27-9am



A venti-sized portion of fresh, grounded encouragement and Biblical wisdom that will freshen up your faith and ground you more deeply in God's love!

Get ready to experience a time of refreshment, learn practical truths from Scripture, and laugh out loud with other women in your area. To register or for more information visit: <https://greatbridge.life/events>

The Bridge Network of Churches hosts

## Writing Bible Studies Workshop for Women

Led by Wendy Foreman and Rachel Piferi

**What to Expect:**

- A Workbook to Guide Your Writing Process
- Leave with an Outline for Your Bible Study
- Begin Writing Your Bible Study
- Learn about Publishing Options
- Find a Community of Fellow Writers

**9:00-3:00**  
(Note Extended Time)

**Saturday, May 4**

Calvary Baptist Church  
4832 Haygood Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

\$30 Includes Workshop, Workbook and Lunch.  
Space is limited.  
Registration required.

To Register:  
Call 757-938-9793  
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### BABY BOUTIQUE

Flowers are blooming, birds are singing, the sun is shining and spring is in the air! Baby Boutique is looking forward to helping moms get their little ones ready for warm weather. We offer a one time shopping spree for moms to get clothes and other items for their children ages newborn thru approximately age 2. Our clothing goes up to size 2/24 months. We have various other items for children 2 and under, depending on what donations we receive. If you know someone in your church or community who could use our help, have them go online to [www.thebridgenet.org](http://www.thebridgenet.org), click on the Resources tab and complete an application for Baby Boutique. Someone from Baby Boutique will contact them about an appointment. If anyone has donations to make we gladly accept most items except cribs, car seats and a few other items. We depend on donations to keep us up and running! If you have donations, please contact me to make drop off arrangements or if you have any questions. Thank you all so much!

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